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Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America and has the honour to state that on the 26th of February, 1969, the Governor of the Bahamas will issue a Proclamation announcing the establishment in the Bahama Islands of a fisheries zone contiguous to the territorial sea of the Bahama Islands. This fisheries zone will have as its inner boundary the outer limits of the territorial sea of the Bahama Islands and as its seaward boundary a line drawn so that each point on the line is 12 nautical miles from the nearest point on the low water line on the coast or other baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

The Bahamas will exercise the same exclusive rights in respect of fisheries in this fisheries zone as in respect of fisheries in the territorial sea of the Bahama Islands.

Copies of the Proclamation and Instrument will be forwarded to His Excellency when they are published.

FOREIGN AND COMMONMEALTH OFFICE, S.W.1.